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To establish a national research program to improve the production and marketing of sweet potatoes and increase the consumption and use of sweet potatoes by domestic and foreign consumers, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 9 (legislative day, FEBRUARY 22), 1994

Mr. JOHNSTON (for himself and Mr. BREAU) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Sweet Potato Research
5 and Production Improvement Act of 1994”.

1 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL SWEET POTATO RESEARCH PROGRAM.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Agriculture, act-
3 ing through the Agricultural Research Service or through
4 cooperative agreements with land-grant colleges and uni-
5 versities, shall conduct research regarding sweet potatoes,
6 including research to develop—

7 (1) widely adapted, high-quality cultivars of
8 sweet potato with increased yields and improved lev-
9 els of disease and pest resistance for traditional
10 markets and alternative uses;

11 (2) environmentally compatible management
12 technologies to control diseases, nematodes, insects,
13 and weeds that limit sweet potato production in the
14 United States, including effective controls for sweet
15 potato weevils in host and nonhost crops;

16 (3) detection and monitoring systems for male
17 and female sweet potato weevils in sweet potato stor-
18 age facilities and in field and seed bed plantings;

19 (4) integrated crop management practices for
20 sweet potatoes that effectively combine cultural and
21 biological controls, environmentally rational chemical
22 usage, and host resistance;

23 (5) improved technology for more efficient har-
24 vesting, grading, and storage of sweet potatoes;

1 (6) improved technology for processing sweet
2 potatoes for both traditional and nontraditional food
3 products; and

4 (7) methods to increase sweet potato consump-
5 tion and uses while also removing possible barriers
6 that limit sweet potato use in both domestic and ex-
7 port markets.

8 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
9 are authorized to be appropriated to the Department of
10 Agriculture to carry out this section \$2,400,000 for fiscal
11 year 1994 and each fiscal year thereafter. Of the amounts
12 made available for a fiscal year under this section—

13 (1) not more than \$400,000 shall be made
14 available to carry out research described in sub-
15 section (a)(1);

16 (2) not more than \$500,000 shall be made
17 available to carry out research described in para-
18 graphs (2) and (3) of subsection (a);

19 (3) not more than \$400,000 shall be made
20 available to carry out research described in sub-
21 section (a)(4);

22 (4) not more than \$400,000 shall be made
23 available to carry out research described in sub-
24 section (a)(5);

1 (5) not more than \$400,000 shall be made
2 available to carry out research described in sub-
3 section (a)(6); and

4 (6) not more than \$300,000 shall be made
5 available to carry out research described in sub-
6 section (a)(7).

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